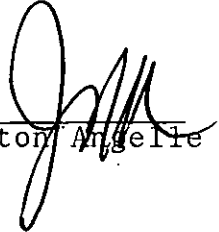


LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Approved: 5/8/86

BOARD MEETING


J. Burton Angelle

Friday, May 2, 1986

JACK CAPPEL
CHAIRMAN

Kenner, Louisiana

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

May 2, 1986

Chairman Jack Cappel presiding:

Members Present:

Mr. Lyle Crain
Dr. Don Hines
Mr. Joe Palmisano
Mr. Mark Roberts
Mr. Dale Vinet

Mr. J. Burton Angelle was also present.

The minutes of the meeting of April 4, 1986 were approved unanimously with a motion from Mr. Vinet and a second from Mr. Crain.

Corky Perret explained the reasons for the shrimp opening date in detail.

In accordance with R. S. 56:497A and based on biological and hydrological information collected from the Department's shrimp monitoring program the Department recommends:

- 1) The 1986 Spring shrimp season be opened at 6:00 AM on Monday, May 19 in all three shrimp management zones.
- 2) The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries be authorized to close the shrimp season when technical data indicate the need to close to protect the forthcoming white shrimp crop.

Mr. Vinet made a motion to accept the recommended date, seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed unanimously.

Hugh Bateman read over the dates for the hunting season in each area and this was discussed at length.

Dr. Hines made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Mr. Crain and passed unanimously

(The full text of the resolution
here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in consultation with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to establish annual hunting season dates, bag limits and methods of hunting for resident game, and

WHEREAS, this action provides for the protection and conservation of these important natural resources and allows for recreational opportunities including sport hunting, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information including requests from sportsmen of the state, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game in Louisiana are adopted unanimously by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Dr. Hines asked that we have a long range plan for hunting seasons. He made a motion to develop a policy that will provide consistent opening dates for all methods of taking deer in each area of the state in order that hunters may make necessary plans, in advance. In Area I and Area V the season will open on the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day and end on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. In Areas II, III and IV the season will open on the Saturday in November that falls nineteen days before Thanksgiving Day and will close on the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Usually the season will open on the first Saturday in November except when Thanksgiving Day falls on November 27 or 28. During those years the season will open on the second Saturday in November. In all areas where dog hunting is permitted the season will open on the first Saturday in December.

It was suggested by Dr. Cappel that the closing dates be left out. This policy will deal only with opening dates.

Mr. Angelle suggested that we have the staff the staff develop that policy and present it to us at the next Commission meeting for consideration and adoption by the Commission.

All were in favor of this motion.

Bennie Fontenot presented a corrected Notice of Intent concerning Cross Lake netting. Mr. Palmisano made a motion to accept the notice of intent, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the notice here
is made a part of the record)

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to prohibit the use of fish nets (gill nets,

trammel nets, hoop nets, fish seines) in Cross Lake, Shreveport, Louisiana. Such action by the Commission has been requested by the City of Shreveport who owns and manages Cross Lake which serves as the city's water reservoir. The City of Shreveport presently has an ordinance in effect which prohibits the use of webbing in Cross Lake.

Dr. Hines requested that someone in the Department make a presentation concerning the Administrative Procedures Act at the next meeting.

Dr. Cappel asked that Johnnie Tarver give a brief update for the record of how the experimental alligator season is going on Marsh Island. At Thursday's meeting a slide presentation was given. The season was open April 15-27. The number of alligators harvested was 892 with the average length being 8 1/2 feet. The longest alligator caught was a 12'2" male and the heaviest was a 480 pound female.

Mr. Palmisano stated that the Department has been operating on an unwritten policy as far as subservience clauses and he would like for the Department to put together a formal policy. The staff will work on this and it will be presented at the next meeting.

The September meeting will be Thursday and Friday, the 4th and 5th in Baton Rouge. In October the Commission would like to have its meeting at Rockefeller or Grand Terre. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ray Montet presented the Enforcement Report for the month of March at Thursday's meeting.

The Survey Report was given by Harry Schafer, also at the Thursday's meeting. During the period of March 31 through April 27, 1986 164 surveys were scheduled, 14 surveys were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor. Lease rental collected was \$8,722.08, survey fees collected was \$43,501.50, 175 applications were filed and 141 new leases were issued.

Dr. Cappel adjourned the meeting.

MEMORANDUM

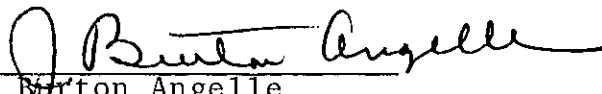
To: Dr. Jack Cappel, Jr.
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

From: William S. "Corky" Perret
Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department Wildlife & Fisheries

Subj: 1986 SPRING SHRIMP SEASON

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SURVEY SECTION
03 - 43
ACTIVITY REPORT

MARCH 31, 1986 THRU APRIL 27, 1986

During this period field activity consisted of:

- 164 - Surveys that were scheduled.
- 14 - Surveys that were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor.

Surveys that were completed consisted of:

- 56 - Leases that were tied into the monument control system.
- 16 - Applications for new area.
- 39 - Restake applications.
- 38 - 15 year limitations.

Total field activity:

<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	
375	473	480	- Surveys scheduled
187	246	314	- Surveys performed
160	218	160	- Surveys unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor
0	1	0	- Survey where fisherman refused to survey
0	0	0	- Disputes settled
28	8	4	- No shows
0	0	2	- Application cancelled by request

Office activity during this period:

\$ 8,722.08	- Lease rental collected
\$43,501.50	- Survey fees collected
175	- Applications filed
141	- New leases issued

